

'Kamikaze' Hubby Starts Jail Term



THESPIANS HONORED . . . Selected as the best actress and actor at Torrance High during the past year were Janet Williamson and Bob Hopkins, shown here with instructor Desmond Wedberg. Announcement of the winners was made at the annual drama banquet here Thursday evening.



HEADS STUDENTS . . . Students at Torrance High School have selected Jerry Garza to be their Student Body president for the fall semester. He was named in elections held on campus last week. Greg Jenkins will be vice-president.

Dwight Hanna, Jim Crain Win Thespian Honors

Dwight Hanna waltzed off with the perpetual trophy as Torrance High School's outstanding Thespian for the year and Jim Crain was named to receive the \$200 scholarship to the Pasadena Playhouse Theater of Arts to climax the Third Annual Drama Awards Banquet at the Civic Auditorium Thursday evening.

Hanna's name will be added to that of Crain, first winner of the award, and JoAnn Benard, last year's winner.

In ceremonies presided over by Warner Smith, president of Troop 1133 of the National Thespian Society, trophies were also presented to Bob Hopkins, best actor; Janet Williamson, best actress; Hanna and Julie Rhone, best directors; and Carol Click, best stage craftsman.

Plaques were awarded to Crain as best supporting actor; Sandra Gish, best supporting actress; Hanna, best production manager; Carl Larsen, best character portrayal; Mickey Van Deventer, best variety artist and best musical artist; Albert Legus, best stage technician; Janice Crabree, best stage manager; Warner Smith, most cooperative thespian; Lorraine Miller, best speaker.

Medals for runner-up performances were presented to Larry Pabst, best supporting actor; Janie Moffatt, best supporting actress; Larsen, best director; Harry Fylich, best director; Alida Clarkson, best musical artist; Dick Beall, special musical award; Lois Phelps, best production manager; Jim Berard, most improved actor; Coleen Steffen, most improved actress; Chuck Stewart and Carol Maloy, best stage craftsmen.

The trophies, medals, and plaques were awarded by Desmond Wedberg, drama instructor at school. The scholarship and best thespian award were announced by Principal Bruce Wagner Jr.

New officers for the society for the coming semester were announced during the program. Taking over as officers will be Lorraine Miller, president; Barbara Hopkins, vice president; Barbara Whitney, secretary; Sheila DeClaspel, treasurer; and Gerry Hawkins, clerk.

At present the Chamber gets \$5000 with which it prints brochures, maps, and other promotional pieces for distribution here and for answering queries from persons interested in Torrance.



ERNE WINTERS . . . Named Chief Deputy

Winter Named Chief Deputy For Chace

A former Los Angeles newspaperman, Ernest T. Winter, now living in Wilmington, has been named chief deputy for newly appointed Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the latter announced this week.

Winter now holds the office occupied by Ken Sampson, who served as chief deputy under the late Raymond V. Darby. Until his association with Chace in the county supervisor's office, Winter was employed by the Los Angeles Examiner. Prior to that he served as assistant bureau manager for the Los Angeles bureau of the Copley Press, operators of the San Pedro News Pilot and other Southern California newspapers. He was with Copley Press four years.

Chace made the announcement of Winter's appointment at a luncheon given in his own honor earlier this week by members of the Hall of Records press crew.

More than 200 guests, including high ranking officials of Los Angeles city, county, and state government, attended the affair.

Boy, 11, Mongrel Pup Run Away

No greater love hath a man for his dog than had 11-year-old David Leon Neill for his four-month-old mongrel pup with whom he ran away with Wednesday.

When his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neill of 1203 La-goon Ave., Wilmington, told David he would have to get rid of the dog he hopped on his bicycle and called, "Here, Lightening, come on boy," and the two of them were off.

David's leaky-tired two-wheeler got as far as Torrance. He called his mother, the former "Ge Ge" Andrews of Torrance, to tell her, "I just can't get rid of Lightening," and that he was running away. He hung up.

That night, within 60 feet of the Torrance Police station, the redd-haired, freckle-faced lad curled up in a cardboard box covered with cement blocks, pulled an old blanket he found

tight against his chin, and cuddled up close to his dog. The dawn came bleak and cold with a disheartening development for the run-away boy. Lightening was gone. David spent all the next day looking for his dog.

"Someone told me I might find my dog at the human society," he told officers later. "So I sold some Torrance Herald's to earn enough money to take a bus out to the South Bay Hu-

mane Society." His bicycle was developing a pretty good sized leak and he thought he had better take a bus. Jack Davis, an advertising salesman for the Herald, heard of the boy's plight and took him out to the kennels in search of his dog. It wasn't here. Friday morning David learned through newspaper accounts that the boy he had befriended was the object of a harbor area police search.

Knowing that their son's bicycle had a leaky tire, his parents made many stops at service stations in the area and asked them to be on the lookout for their son. It wasn't long after that David pulled into one of these stations to fill up his flat-sided tire. The attendant recognized the boy and called his parents.

David's back home today with his parents, with his bicycle repaired, and with a promise that he'll get another dog—one that he can keep.

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Guard Unit Gets New Commanding General

Maj. Gen. Dan Hudelson Requests Inactive Duty; Brig. Gen. Eaton Named Successor

Major General Daniel H. Hudelson, who commanded the 40th Division of the California National Guard during its reorganization and Korean War duty, has been succeeded by Brigadier General Homer O. Eaton, Jr., a vice-principal at Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles.

The change in command was revealed this week by the office of the adjutant general who stated that Hudelson, an employee of the General Petroleum Corp., had requested he be transferred to inactive duty status.

The new commanding general is familiar to many officers and men of "Torrance's Own" 578th Combat Engineer Battalion since Brig. Gen. Eaton headed the advance party which departed for Korea from the division's Sendai headquarters on Dec. 28, 1951 to arrange for relief of the 24th Infantry Division which took over the Southern California outfit's security mission on Honshu.

General Eaton enlisted in Los Angeles' Own 160th Infantry Regiment as a private in 1921. After completing an ROTC course at Pomona College, from which he was graduated in 1924, he was commissioned a second lieutenant, infantry, reserve, at Fort Lewis, Wash., and rejoined the 160th in 1926.

Eaton was called up for World War II as a company commander in the Los Angeles regiment, and during the war he served as a battalion commander and as executive officer of the regiment, serving in Guadalcanal and New Britain in the latter capacity.

He was assigned as assistant intelligence officer of XIV Corps on Bougainville in June, 1944, and the following January, on Luzon in the Philippines, was designated corps intelligence officer.

The general was awarded the Silver Star for heroism in action during the crossing of the Pasig River, a tactically important move in the capture of Manila.

He flew to Atsugi Air Base, near Tokyo, shortly after the Japanese surrender and one of his first assignments was to help set up XIV Corps headquarters in Sendai, in Northern Honshu, just six years before he headed the advance party of the 40th on a similar mission.

On his return to the United States in 1945, he remained on active duty for several months at the office of the adjutant general in Sacramento to assist in re-constitution of the Guard in the state.

With Hudelson, Maj. Gen. Harcourt Harvey, and a few others, Eaton was one of the post World War II reorganizers of the 40th. In October, 1946, he was appointed commander of the 160th Regiment and was assigned as assistant division commander in December, 1947, a post he has held continuously except for short periods in which he temporarily commanded the division's artillery and the division itself.

General Eaton went to active duty on Sept. 1, 1950, for the Korean war with the 40th and

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Herald's New Dial Number Is So Easy to Remember

It's so easy to remember! FAirfax 8-4000! It's easy to say, it's easy to remember. It's the Torrance Herald's new telephone number.

Just dial FAirfax 8-4000 for a courteous classified advertiser to help you sell that car, to rent a house, or to trade that unwanted skill saw for a washing machine.

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BILLING BELLES . . . When your telephone switched from operator-control to automatic dial equipment last night at midnight any toll call you may have made (or will make) was recorded on this automatic toll call recording machine. Pacific Telephone's Anna Bellwood, service representative, and Alice Gargalls, teller, examine tape used by equipment for registering toll calls. The display will be on exhibit in the Torrance office at 1307 Cravens Ave. for the next two weeks.

Husband Jailed On Return Here To See Spouse

A 44-year-old mechanic and amateur flyer who once threatened to kill his wife by diving-bombing his airplane Kamikaze style into a cocktail bar where she was employed as a waitress began serving a 180-day jail sentence because he returned to the state in an attempt to effect a reconciliation.

Snapped in a coffee shop Wednesday by Torrance police was Kenneth Kinkade, formerly of 3203 Crickwood Ave. He was attempting to persuade his wife, Ethel, 38, a waitress at the Half Way House on the Torrance Municipal Airport, to try it again. Kinkade is alleged to have made several threats against his wife after she served him with divorce papers several weeks ago.

After his attempt to take his plane off from the airport was thwarted by friends, Kinkade attempted suicide by swallowing pills and a quantity of poison. He hovered near death in the Harbor General Hospital for several days.

He was released to find himself facing an assault charge filed by Police Chief John Stroh who served the legal papers on him. At the time he was served, Kinkade was sitting in his car as Stroh, reached through the window to hand him the papers. Fred, Kinkade dropped his car into gear and took off in a burst of speed with the Chief of Police still partly in the car. The chief sustained an injured shoulder as he was spun about and nearly tossed to the ground.

In court, Kinkade was given a 180-day sentence but placed on probation and ordered to leave the state. Wednesday he returned to "pick up my tools," he told police. Letters received by his wife indicated he continued to make threats against her, however.

Thursday Kinkade was brought before Judge Otto B. Willett for violation of probation and ordered to begin serving his six-month jail term.

2 Men Ram Car Terrorize Girl In Wild Chase

Torrance police were on the lookout Friday for two mystery men in a red Lincoln who attempted to kidnap a teenage girl, rammed a private car which chased them, and later eluded a police car which pursued them after they were discovered chasing the girl down the street, early Thursday morning.

Driver of the car that was rammed, Marvin Wardell, of Santa Monica, told police he helped pull the suspects' car from the sand at Torrance Beach, whereupon a young girl leaped from the car and told him that two men in the car were trying to attack her.

The two men then proceeded to grab the girl from Wardell's car and flee with Wardell in pursuit. At 175th and Atkinson, (Continued on Page 2)



YOUNG JOB SEEKERS . . . Torrance High School students Gerry Jacobs, left, and Tom Kulp, right, are interviewed by student William Harlicker at the newly formed Teen Age Employment Agency at 1628 Gramercy Ave. The agency is run completely by high school students, who interview young job hunters and contact employers in the local area for jobs. The agency has on file students with experience in fields such as stenography, typing, a lab assistant; and waitresses, clerks, busboys, boxboys and salesmen. This graduating seniors should take note that the agency has received requests recently for high school grads who want to start on a career in business in Torrance.

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